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## VILLA TAKES TORREON AFTER BLOODY BATTLE

Carranza Receives News of the Victory.

SOUNDS SIGNAL IN JUAREZ

Buglers' Notes Give First Voice to Rejoicing of Constitutionists—Trenches and Fences Passed.

Juarez, Mex., April 2.—Torreón fell completely into the hands of the rebels at 10:20 o'clock tonight, according to announcement made here tonight by Gen. Venustiano Carranza. The news first was announced to the world when the bugler in front of Carranza's residence blew the staccato notes of victory. The paces, Carranza said, was sounded here even before it was heard in Torreón, Villa delaying out of compliment to his chief.

The meagre bulletins excitedly announcing victory after the bloodiest series of battles known to modern Mexico said that Villa captured a large number of prisoners and that the fleeing federal remnant was being pursued.

Whether Velasco, the federal commander, was captured was not stated. There was heavy fighting today, it is understood, and the end came when, after capturing the three remaining barracks held in the city by the federales, the rebels stormed the trenches and barbed wire entanglements of Canyon de Guadalupe.

The prisoners captured are believed to have been the defenders of the barracks, while the troops in the canyon, which forms an egress from the hill city, were able to escape.

## TOWN BONDS SOLD.

A Toledo, Ohio, Firm the Purchaser.

The entire issue of town bonds, \$70,000, voted last year for sewerage, street improvement and waterworks extension, were sold by the town council this morning to Spitzer, Rorich & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, at par, with accrued interest. A \$1,000 check accompanied their bid as a guarantee that they will carry out their contract. The purchasers are to be allowed \$1,300 to pay for coupon lithographed blank bonds, attorney's fees and other expenses. The bonds are to be delivered by the town at Toledo. The bonds bear date July 1, 1913, and bear interest from date at 5 per cent, payable semi-annually.

They run for forty years, maturing July 1, 1953, with the option of paying them off in 20 years, or July 1, 1933. The town council advertised the bonds for sale extensively, and although there were forty odd inquiries, there were only two bidders. So that all things considered, the sale is a good one. Mr. H. S. Jaudon of the Jaudon Engineering Company of Savannah, Ga., will soon be here to let the contract for the grading and excavating of the streets for the pipes. It will be remembered that \$45,000 of the bond issue is for sewerage; \$12,000 for waterworks extension and \$13,000 for street improvement.

## Florence Bride a Suicide.

Florence, April 1.—Nita Parrott Clark, bride of less than a year of Howard Clark, a well to do farmer, eight miles from this city, shot herself through the temple yesterday afternoon at dusk, dying instantly. Domestic unhappiness is said to have led to the suicide.

Mrs. Clark belonged to large and influential family of Darlington county. Clark also belongs to one of the best families in Florence county.

The affair has created profound agitation.

## Bleese in Washington.

Washington Special to Charlotte Observer March 31.—Governor Bleese was in the House gallery a part of the time watching the proceedings. He is quoted in a Washington newspaper this afternoon as saying that the District of Columbia needs a "Jim Crow" car law and that he will cause the adoption of one when he gets into the Senate.

Attorney B. L. Abney, of Columbia, is also in Washington.

## Wilson Congratulated.

London, April 1.—The Standard in an editorial today on the Panama bill warmly congratulates President Wilson "on his fine act of justice and generosity, which will strengthen the Anglo-American entente, and will be a salutary lesson and example to the rest of the world."

## Interest in L. & C. Cases.

Quite a number of our citizens have been in Chester this week attending court, at which cases growing out of the wreck on the Lancaster & Chester Railway at Hooper's creek last July, are to be tried. What is regarded as the strongest case against the road, that of Isabella F. Clifton, administratrix, vs. the Lancaster & Chester Railway and Leroy Springs, is now in progress of trial and the verdict is being awaited here with interest. The stockholders of the L. & C. road are our fellow citizens and its officers are our leading business men and because of what they and the road have done for Lancaster, it is to be hoped that no large verdicts will be found.

## HORSE SHOW POSTPONED.

Wet Grounds Cause Delay at Camden—Opening Yesterday.

Camden Special to Charleston News and Courier April 1.—The 6th annual horse show was postponed this afternoon on account of wet grounds. The show will open tomorrow afternoon promptly at 3 o'clock. Practically every merchant in Camden signed a petition circulated agreeing to close their stores at 2:30 o'clock to allow their clerks to attend the show, both Thursday and Friday. This is the first time in the six year's history of the show that it has had to be postponed. Visitors from all sections of the State are here for the show.

Sam Riley, of Atlanta, is to judge the show. Mr. Riley is an experienced horseman, having assisted in judging in various shows throughout the South and West. He is now connected with one of the largest stock yards of Atlanta, where shipments of horses from the West are graded and passed upon.

By affiliating itself with the South Carolina Show Association there has been added enthusiasm in the local show and an increased number of out-of-town entries. There are fifty out-of-town horses here to be exhibited, a majority of them coming from Greenville, Sumter, Darlington, Columbia, Asheville, and Kershaw. The polo classes will include exhibitors from New York, Cleveland and other points.

## POLICE COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

Douglas J. McKay Notifies Mayor Mitchell He Wants to Quit by April 15.

New York, April 1.—Police Commissioner Douglas J. McKay has resigned to take effect not later than April 15, became known today. His letter said, however, that he would prefer to have the resignation take effect immediately.

The resignation of McKay had been in Mayor Mitchell's hands since last Friday. Commissioner McKay declined to give his reasons for resigning. It was assumed at police headquarters that he wished to re-enter private business. His reasons were contained in his letter to the mayor, McKay said, and the executive was at liberty to make the communication public.

"If he does not I cannot say anything while I am connected with the department," said the commissioner. Mayor Mitchell said he has had no fault to find with McKay, who has been commissioner about three months. McKay wanted to quit the office some time ago, said the mayor, but remained while there was a possibility that Col. Geo. W. Goethals would consent to become commissioner. But the State Legislature killed the mayor's police bill to amend the city charter so that Col. Goethals would be willing to take the post. The mayor today declined to give out McKay's letter or say when the resignation would take effect.

McKay formerly was deputy commissioner. He was appointed commissioner as successor to Phalander Waldo. It was understood at the time that the appointment was temporary. There was a report today that the mayor's secretary, Arthur Woods once a deputy police commissioner, would be appointed to the post.

## MISS TYLER OUT.

Surrenders Courtland Office to Her Successor.

Norfolk, Va., April 1.—Miss Mattie P. Tyler, grand-daughter of John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, today surrendered the Courtland, Va., postoffice which she had held for 16 years, and turned over its affairs to B. A. Williams, appointed by Postmaster General Burleson from Civil Service. Mr. Williams bore the endorsement of Representative E. E. Holland of the Second Virginia District.

Miss Tyler refused to surrender the office when Mr. Williams presented the commission after Miss Tyler's return from Washington yesterday. Mr. Williams telegraphed to Washington for instructions. Miss Tyler today received a telegram from the Department directing her to turn the Courtland office over to Mr. Williams and this he promptly did.

## Still in Poor Health.

Wilmington Special to Charlotte Observer April 1.—Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, who was stricken with a severe illness in New York last October soon after his arrival there to attend the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, continues in feeble health and will not be able to return to his work before fall and possibly not then. He is at Lawrenceville, Va., which is the old home of Mrs. Strange. The attending physician has advised that Bishop Strange cannot take up his labors before fall.

In the absence of Bishop Strange, Rt. Rev. W. A. Guerry of Charleston, Bishop of South Carolina, will visit the Wilmington parishes April 21 and 22 and have charge of the confirmation services. He may also visit the Church at Southport.

## NOT A CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE

W. F. Stevenson Will Probably Run For Congress.

THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR.

County to County Campaign to be Held This Year as Usual.

Columbia, April 1.—"I am a Woodrow Wilson Democrat, first, last and all the time," said W. F. Stevenson, who was among the visitors in Columbia yesterday. He announced definitely that he would not be a candidate for the United States Senate. This leaves the Governor and Senator "Cotton Ed." Smith to fight it out. Mr. Stevenson is a member of the House from Chesterfield county and will offer for Congress from the Fifth district in opposition to D. E. Finley. Mr. Stevenson has been a leader in the House for many years and is a former speaker of that branch.

Word has come down from Lancaster that C. N. Sapp, member of the House from that county that he will not be a candidate for Congress. The announcement is not official, yet it is said that Mr. Sapp will offer for the State Senate to succeed Dr. T. J. Strait, who has been appointed as superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane.

THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR.

"Some of the candidates in the race for Governor had better look out for John G. Clinch's sales," said a well known political observer in Columbia. "Prof. Clinch's sales has many friends throughout South Carolina, he is aggressively, he has no past political record, he is a good speaker, is fearless and has a fine platform," he continued.

Will James H. Craig, of Anderson, oppose A. W. Jones for comptroller general? Mr. Craig was recently appointed assistant state bank examiner and it has been rumored that he will offer for the place now held by Mr. Jones.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN.

An attempt will be made to abolish the county-to-county campaign at the State Democratic convention. It is true that there is a growing sentiment against the biennial circus, yet many feel that the campaign should be held this year. John Gary Evans, chairman of the executive committee, is in favor of the campaign, at least for this year.

General interest is centered in the freight rate hearing to be held before the railroad commission April 15. The State Freight Rate Association is asking for a general revision of rates.

## SCRAMBLE IS ON FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Minor Offices Do Not Seem to be Very Attractive—Compulsory Education May be Chief Issue.

Columbia, April 1.—The candidates for Governor are shelling the woods for votes in South Carolina just now. They are going and coming and this is truly the day of the "handshake" and the "smile" in South Carolina. When the candidates arrive in Columbia the old town takes on a new smile.

THE BIG ISSUES.

What will be the main issues of the State campaign?

This question can not be definitely answered just now, but the prediction is made that compulsory education is going to be one of the biggest questions. The candidates will talk about tax reforms, the Fortner bill, cotton warehouses, good roads and a thousand and one other subjects.

MINOR OFFICES.

The State offices are not very attractive in South Carolina. The position pays \$1,200 a year. After the expenses of a campaign have been deducted there is very little left for living expenses. The low salary keeps many a good man from entering the race for a State office.

No opposition has developed to Comptroller General Jones, Attorney General Peoples, secretary of State McCown, State Treasurer Carter and Commissioner Watson.

John G. Richards, Jr., is a candidate for governor and he is also a member of the railroad commission. Will he resign his position as railroad commissioner? Ira B. Jones set a precedent in South Carolina last year when he resigned as chief justice to offer for Governor. Mr. Richards has made no announcement on this matter.

B. L. Coughman for the past 12 years a member of the railroad commission, will retire this year and his successor is to be elected. C. D. Fortner, John H. Wharton and John F. Bolt have announced for Mr. Coughman's place. The office pays \$1,900 a year and the term is six years.

## GEN. WOTHERSPOON FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

Gen. Leonard Wood to be Succeeded by Assistant.

GEN. SCOTT, ASSISTANT

Gen. Wood to Assume Command of Eastern Department of the Army.

Washington, April 1.—Major Gen. William W. Wotherspoon, now assistant chief of staff of the United States army, has been selected to succeed Major Gen. Leonard Wood as chief of staff at the end of Gen. Wood's term, April 22. Brig Gen Hugh L. Scott, commanding the troops at Fort Bliss, Texas, will be assistant chief of staff. Gen. Wood will assume command of the Eastern department with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York.

The appointment of Gen. Wotherspoon to be chief of staff has been ordered, expected as it was in accordance with the practice of promoting the assistants of the staff to the first place. So the interest of the army centered in the selection of an assistant chief of staff who might in turn succeed Gen. Wotherspoon when the latter retires, on account of reaching the age limit next November.

BLISS REFUSED JOB.

A short time ago it had been about settled that the position of assistant chief should be tendered to Brig Gen. Tasker H. Bliss in command of the Southern department with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Later a report was current that this tender was declined by Gen. Bliss and within the past week it began to appear that the choice would fall on Gen. Scott. The latter made a favorable impression on the administration as a result of the dispatch and thoroughness with which he personally assembled the recent Navajo Indian uprising in Arizona.

Unlike his predecessor, Gen. Scott will become assistant chief of staff with the rank of brigadier general. There now is no vacancy in the grade of major general, and to promote him to that rank when Gen. Wotherspoon retires it would be necessary to jump him over the head of nine brigadiers who are his seniors.

It was recalled today, however, that there is no obstacle to the assumption of the office of chief of staff by a brigadier general, as that was done when Brig Gen. Frank Bell was appointed to the place.

No selection has yet been made of a successor to Gen. Scott as commander of the 2d cavalry brigade at El Paso.

## Sottile Sole Owner of the Isle of Palms.

Charleston, April 1.—James Sottile, president of the Charleston Isle of Palms Traction Co., and the Isle of Palms Development Co., yesterday became sole owner of the Isle of Palms when a deal was closed with the Long Island Improvement and Construction Co., by which he acquired for the sum of \$25,000 the lower section of the Isle of Palms, bordering on Beach Inlet and the upper section of the island extending from the pavilion ground to De-wees Inlet.

Some three years ago Mr. Sottile bought the amusement section of the Isle of Palms including the pavilion property and cottages, and a year ago he bought the Charleston Isle of Palms Traction Co., the railroad rights of way and the terminal site.

## DRAG THE ROADS.

Good Example Set by Progressive Farmers.

Now that the hauling of fertilizers will continue to eke the order of the day for the next six weeks or more, we urge upon our farmers the importance of keeping the roads in such a condition as to be passable. It seems to be impracticable for the county officials to attend to the matter, hence it is left to the public to either pull their stock to death and wear out their wagons over almost impassable roads, or put the roads in shape themselves, and this can be done, with a minimum of time and money by means of the drag.

Last year Mr. J. C. Elliott, of the Jones-Elliott Mule Company, owner of the farm at the intersection of the Chesterfield and Redfield roads, put several miles of those roads in splendid condition by the use of drags.

Last week Messrs. George W. Baker and Boyce Harper, at their own expense, devoted just one-half a day to dragging the Redfield road from the Jones-Elliott farm to Antioch, a distance of about five miles. What the three gentlemen have done for the road over which they have to haul, could be done for other roads in the county. We urge upon our farmers to get together and have their neighborhood roads put in travelling condition. The road drag is the thing.

## WOODMEN WIN SUIT.

Claim Against Order for Insurance is Disallowed.

Spartanburg Special to Charlotte Observer April 1.—Judge Shipp, presiding in Common Pleas Court today directed the jury to find for the defendant in the case of James Russell Harmon against Sovereign Camp Woodmen of the World. Up to this point the case had been hardly fought, with the outcome apparently in doubt.

It seemed from the evidence that Thomas Coke Harmon, son of the plaintiff, was insured under a benefit certificate issued by Live Oak Camp, Woodmen of the World, of Glendale. The young man died in the autumn of 1912 and his father, as his beneficiary, claimed the insurance. The Woodmen refused to pay the claim, on the ground that Thomas Coke Harmon prior to his death was suspended from the order and that his insurance policy had lapsed by reason of his non-payment of the monthly premiums.

The elder Harmon then sued, claiming up to the convention that he was entitled to receive because his mind was so deranged during his illness that he was incapable of attending to his business. Judge Shipp directed a verdict for the defendant on the ground that it was not shown that the defendant had received notice of the deceased policyholder's disability.

## CLARK MADE A GREAT SPEECH

But Eloquent Had No Effect on Votes vs. Repeal—South Carolina Vote Stood Four to Three

Washington, April 1.—Although Speaker Clark made a tremendously interesting and effective speech against the repeal of the law exempting our coastwise trade from Panama Canal tolls, the President's majority was nearly twice as great as it was last week on the rule limiting debate. After the first decisive test some of those who had been wavering came over to the Administration side. So far as can be ascertained, the Speaker's great heart-to-heart talk to his colleagues in the House did not change a vote. But there are many who do not follow the Speaker on this subject who think that it was a mistaken and unjust policy to attack him personally and as a Democrat for his stand.

President Wilson has been careful not to say anything personally disagreeable about Mr. Clark, and Mr. Clark has been likewise careful about the President.

What the Senate will do is regarded as very doubtful.

The South Carolina delegation stood in vote as it stood last week—four with the President and three against him. This time Representative James F. Brynes was on the floor to cast his ballot for repeal. He left his sick room to do so. With him on the Administration side were Messrs. Johnson, Lever and Whaley. As before, Messrs. Finley, Aiken and Ragsdale voted against repeal.

## Alabama Loses Another National Lawmaker.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 31.—Representative in Congress, Wm. Richardson, of Alabama, died here today from general debility. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Richardson came to Atlantic City from Washington about ten days ago hoping a change in climate would benefit his health which had been failing for about a year.

The body probably will be sent to Huntsville, Ala., his former home for burial.

## Woodrow Wilson Regrets Having Left Davidson.

Davidson Special to Charlotte Observer April 1.—President Martin returned this morning from his trip to Washington and points north, notably New York. He tells his friends of a brief but altogether pleasant visit that he had to the White House. President Wilson received him cordially and made it clear that he had not forgotten his days at Davidson as a student, in fact mentioning by name several of his friends of that date, notably Colonel Martin and other members of his family.

The President also expressed regret that ill health had compelled his withdrawal from Davidson at the end of his freshman year.

## Suffragists Plan Big Campaign.

Boston, Mass., April 1.—A mass meeting for the benefit of the seven "campaigned" states which are going to vote on the woman suffrage question this year, is to be held in this city today. Among the speakers present to address the meeting are Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Association; Miss Jane Adams of Chicago; Mrs. Medill McCormick and Mrs. Sunk, one of the women whose brilliancy secured the suffrage in Illinois last June.

## Margaret Wilson Sings to the Blind.

Washington, March 28.—Miss Margaret Wilson sang for the blind in their reading room in the Library of Congress. Her songs were in German, French, Italian and English.

So great was the demand for admittance that persons even put on black glasses and posed as blind to get in.

## TOLLS EXEMPTION REPEAL PASSES HOUSE

President Wilson Wins after an Unrivalled Scene.

MR. CLARK IS ELOQUENT.

Speaker Makes Dramatic Speech Breathing Friendliness For the President.

Washington, March 31.—The Sims bill to repeal the tolls exemption clause of the Panama canal act was passed by the House late today 248 to 162.

The vote in the House tonight on the passage of the Sims bill to repeal the toll exemption provision of the Panama canal was 247 "ayes" to 161 "nays" and 1 "present."

The scene in the House chamber when Speaker Clark yielded the gavel to Representative Underwood, the majority leader, to defend his course in the great controversy, probably was unrivalled in the history of American legislation. Never before, within the recollection of the oldest member, had the galleries been so packed with interested spectators. Outside the galleries the corridors were jammed with disappointed hundreds. On the floor nearly every member was in his seat. Even the Senate had adjourned and scores of others occupied seats on the floor.

It was a rare political stage setting that this throng witnessed. Standing before them, while Republican and Democratic members cheered him to the echo was the sturdy big framed, silver-haired Speaker with resolution beaming on his countenance, his thin lips clinched tightly, his face pale and stern. Behind him, pounding for order, was Mr. Underwood. There they were awaiting the climax of the long debate, these two leaders of the Democratic party, heading the first revolt in the party ranks since democracy put Woodrow Wilson in the White House. Even those Democrats who for the first time had turned their backs on their immediate leaders and stood resolutely by the President throughout the fight were impressed at the scene.

SPIRIT OF HARMONY.

The interest was tense as Speaker Clark began to speak and his first utterance, breathing a spirit of harmony as against discord and assuring the country that the President and he personally were at peace, seemed to spread over the assemblage—particularly the Democratic side of the House, a feeling of relief.

At the outset the Speaker read his address, but soon he got into his old-time oratorical swing and was hammering home with sweeping gestures his deliberately delivered words. When he praised the patriotic motives of President Wilson he was interrupted by applause. His emphatic declaration that with those who charged him with attempting to disrupt the party "the wish was father to the thought" was applauded by every member on the floor.

The Speaker minced no words as he attacked newspapers which he declared had assailed him in this fight, and in referring to the charge that he was "bolting the President," he exclaimed:

"Merciful God! What an idiotic phrase!"

Throughout the speech there was not a dull moment. Repeatedly he was cheered and the echoes of the plaudits rang through the halls of the Capitol in frequent waves.

The Speaker talked calmly when he referred to the Baltimore convention and when he told his colleagues he was mindful of the fact that his course in this crisis might mean the end of his public career, there was no evidence of regret or of alarm in his voice or demeanor.

The Speaker said he had no harsh word to speak of any of his colleagues who had criticized him, but he referred to some of them—Representative Henry of Texas who led the fight for the closure rule on the repeal bill; Representative Sherley and Representative Hardwick who had aided in that fight. The House was moved to uproarious laughter when the Speaker said referring to Mr. Hardwick:

"So far as the gentleman from Georgia is concerned I say: 'Shoo! Fly, don't bother me. Shoo! Fly, don't bother me!'"

The House listened attentively to the Speaker's argument against the tolls repeal, his assertion that he believed the President was mistaken, his argument that the Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Tehuantepec National Railway would most profit by the toll exemption, and his eloquent appeal against yielding anything to Great Britain. Holding the interest to the end the Speaker remained a commanding figure, interrupted by applause as he proceeded.

Almost playfully he concluded, lowering his voice to say:

"Now, the God of our fathers who never let 3,000,000 backwoods Americans take their game of battle into the face of the mightiest monarch in the world, who guided the hand of Jefferson in writing the charter of liberty, who sustained Washington and his ragged and starving Army amid the awful horrors at Valley Forge and who gave them complete victory on the blood-stained heights

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